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Uno Addresses Diet

Prime Minister Sosuke Uno, elected June 3 to the top leadership slot by a ruling party divided by a political scandal, had a challenging first week in office. He faced continued opposition party calls for dissolution of the Diet against a backdrop of flagging public support for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. A June 9 Kyodo wire service poll showed that the LDP's approval rating had plummeted to a record low 31.2 percent. To make matters worse, after less than a week at the helm, Mr. Uno was the target of reports of a sexual liaison with a geisha. The new prime minister has called the allegations, published in early June by the respected Sunday Mainichi magazine, a personal matter, which he preferred not to discuss in public. However, the fact that Mr. Uno apparently could not prevent the story's publication prompts some Japanese political observers to suggest that this episode is further proof that he lacks the influence and political power base to effectively lift the ruling party out of

Table 1: Japan's Foreign Direct Investment by Country, FY 1984-FY 1988

(in millions of dollars)

	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1986	FY 1987	FY 1988	Cumulative March 31, 1989
United States	$3,360	$5,395	$10,165	$14,704	$21,701	$71,860
Canada	184	100	276	653	626	3,231
North America	3,544	5,495	10,441	15,357	22,328	75,091
Indonesia	374	408	250	545	586	9,804
Hong Kong	412	131	502	1,072	1,662	6,167
Singapore	225	339	302	494	747	3,812
Korea	107	134	436	647	483	3,248
China	114	100	226	1,226	296	2,036
Thailand	119	48	124	250	359	1,992
Malaysia	142	79	158	163	387	1,834
Taiwan	65	114	291	367	372	1,791
Philippines	46	61	21	72	134	1,120
Asia	1,628	1,435	2,327	4,868	5,569	32,227
Panama	1,671	1,533	2,401	2,305	1,712	12,858
Brazil	318	314	270	229	510	5,596
Caymans	1	132	930	1,197	2,609	5,085
Bahama	97	298	792	734	737	2,718
Mexico	56	101	226	28	87	1,671
Bermuda	29	148	16	36	337	991
Netherlands Antilles	66	62	66	199	172	747
Peru	6	10	---	1	---	696
Latin America	2,290	2,616	4,737	4,816	6,428	31,617
United Kingdom	318	375	984	2,473	3,956	10,554
Netherlands	452	613	651	829	2,359	5,525
Luxembourg	315	300	1,092	1,764	657	4,729
West Germany	245	172	210	403	409	2,364
France	117	67	152	330	463	1,764
Switzerland	229	60	91	224	454	1,432
Spain	140	91	86	283	161	1,045
Belgium	71	84	50	70	164	1,027
Europe	1,937	1,930	3,469	6,576	9,116	30,164
Australia	105	468	881	1,222	2,413	8,137
Oceania	157	525	992	1,413	2,669	9,315
Liberia	281	159	289	267	648	3,658
Africa	326	172	309	272	653	4,604
Kuwait	55	34	41	54	20	1,383
Iran	0	0	---	---	1	1,005
Middle East	273	45	44	62	259	3,338
Total	10,155	12,217	22,320	33,364	47,022	186,356

Source: Ministry of Finance

Table 2: Japan's Foreign Direct Investment by Sector, FY 1984-FY 1988

(in millions of dollars)

	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1986	FY 1987	FY 1988	Cumulative March 31, 1989
Manufacturing Sector	$2,505	$2,352	$3,806	$7,832	$13,805	$49,843
Food Products	118	90	127	328	419	1,965
Textiles	85	28	63	206	317	2,669
Wood and Paper Products	115	15	57	317	604	2,099
Chemicals	223	133	355	910	1,293	6,540
Metals	718	385	328	786	1,367	7,671
Nonelectric Machinery	185	352	626	687	1,432	4,716
Electric Machinery	409	513	987	2,421	3,041	10,196
Transport Equipment	437	627	828	1,473	1,281	6,956
Other	215	208	435	703	4,051	7,031
Nonmanufacturing Sector	7,429	9,536	17,949	25,080	32,634	131,999
Agriculture and Forestry	26	12	15	97	162	1,054
Fisheries	24	42	52	44	94	632
Mining	484	598	669	511	1,013	13,949
Construction	112	94	250	87	309	1,443
Trade and Sales	1,482	1,550	1,861	2,269	3,204	20,011
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2,085	3,805	7,240	10,673	13,104	41,876
Services	681	665	1,560	2,780	3,732	12,759
Transportation	1,651	1,240	1,925	2,145	2,372	12,342
Real Estate	430	1,207	3,997	5,428	8,641	20,599
Other	454	322	379	1,047	3	7,334
Branch Offices	221	329	566	452	584	3,919
Other Transactions*	---	---	---	---	---	595
Total	10,155	12,217	22,320	33,364	47,022	186,356

*Certain overseas real estate transactions have been excluded from Japan's foreign direct investment data since December 1, 1980 because of changes in the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law.

Source: Ministry of Finance

Table 3: Japan's Foreign Direct Investment by Industry and Region, March 31, 1989

(in millions of dollars)

	North America	Latin America	Asia	Middle East	Europe	Africa	Oceania	Total
Manufacturing Sector	$23,944	$5,437	$12,371	$1,273	$4,857	$226	$1,735	$49,843
Food Products	934	223	516	0	171	8	112	1,965
Textiles	493	439	1,380	4	303	39	11	2,669
Wood and Paper Products	1,377	200	389	-	5	0	128	2,099
Chemicals	2,311	590	1,785	1,128	594	20	113	6,540
Metals	2,553	1,933	2,268	66	328	127	395	7,671
Nonelectric Machinery	2,610	378	1,037	11	626	1	54	4,716
Electric Machinery	5,952	491	2,414	14	1,261	7	56	10,196
Transport Equipment	3,030	1,050	1,183	4	913	17	759	6,956
Other	4,684	132	1,399	46	656	7	106	7,031
Nonmanufacturing Sector	49,94[illegible]	26,111	19,269	673	24,098	4,374	7,526	131,999
Agriculture and Forestry	354	190	277	2	7	7	218	1,054
Fisheries	156	146	154	1	7	94	72	632
Mining	1,647	1,557	6,912	393	1,103	579	1,758	13,949
Construction	697	208	355	40	59	22	62	1,443
Trade and Sales	11,693	1,508	1,913	20	3,955	8	914	20,011
Banking, Finance and Insurance	12,370	10,990	2,509	123	14,853	22	1,009	41,876
Services	4,859	931	3,711	5	1,570	697	986	12,759
Transportation	239	9,236	584	2	101	2,079	102	12,342
Real Estate	15,782	142	1,230	-	1,386	69	1,988	20,599
Other	2,152	1,203	1,623	87	1,056	798	415	7,334
Branch Offices	714	45	551	1,389	1,171	1	48	3,919
Other Transactions*	485	23	37	2	38	2	7	595
Total	75,091	31,617	32,227	3,338	30,164	4,604	9,315	186,356

*Certain overseas real estate transactions have been excluded from Japan's foreign direct investment data since December 1, 1980.

Source: Ministry of Finance